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Statistics showing the progress of prohibition.

* 1524 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of toddy and foreign liquor shops before and after the commencement of the prohibition experiment in certain taluks of the Presidency (figures to be given separately for each year);

(b) the figures of consumption of toddy and foreign liquor before experiment and during the years of experiment;

(c) the figures of consumption of arrack in the shops adjoining the dry areas before and during the period of experiment; and

(d) the number of cases of illicit distillation in the dry areas before and after the commencement of the experiment?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have called for a report.

Opening of an arrack shop at Poonamallee.

* 1525 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to clause (b) of question No. 1324 answered on 1st February 1929 regarding the proposed opening of an arrack shop at Poonamallee,—

(a) whether the Government have received the information called for; and

(b) if answer to (a) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will place the same on the Council table?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is not proposed to open an arrack shop at present. There are one arrack shop at Mangadu on the border of the cantonment one mile away, and another at Tirumushi over $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles away, from Old Poonamallee.

Supply of coconut arrack by Messrs. Parry & Co.

* 1526 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 1326 answered on 1st February 1929 regarding supply of coconut arrack by Messrs. Parry & Co., will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to place before the Council the report called for on the above subject and the action taken thereon and on the suggestion to treat coconut arrack as country liquor?

A.—The Government have not yet received the report of the Commissioner of Excise.

Medical

Provision for research work in the Madras Medical College.

* 1527 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what provision has been made in the Madras Medical College for research work;

(b) whether the Professors of the college are engaging themselves in research and if so, whether the Government can place on the Council table the result of their enquiry; and

(c) what are the hours of work for the Physicians and Surgeons in the General Hospital?